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1. WE WISH TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE ARTICLE ENTITLED
"NUCLEAR CHOICE: NO ROOM FOR COMPROMISE," ON PAGES 73-
76 OF THE ECONOMIST OF SEPTEMBER 3. THE ARTICLE ENDS
BY SUGGESTING THAT IF IT IS ALREADY TOO LATE FOR BRITAIN
TO BECOME AN EXPORTER OF PWR REACTORS, ENERGY SECRETARY
BENN "SHOULD TELL THE INDUSTRY TO CONCENTRATE ON MAKING
THE AGR THE REASONABLY-PRICED, RELIABLE WORKHORSE IT CAN
BE FOR THE BRITAIN OF THE NEXT 30 YEARS".

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2. WHILE BENN IS LIKELY TO DELAY A DECISION AS LONG AS
POSSIBLE, THE COURSE SUGGESTED BY THE ECONOMIST - CON-
CENTRATION ON THE AGR - SEEMS QUITE POSSIBLE. THERE IS
CONSIDERABLE SKEPTICISM AS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF BRITAIN
CATCHING UP AND BEING AN EXPORTER OF PWRs. THERE ARE
SOME INDICATIONS (SEE REF C) THAT SIR HERMANN BONDI,

BENN'S NEW CHIEF SCIENTIST, WOULD FAVOR CHOICE OF THE
AGR.

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